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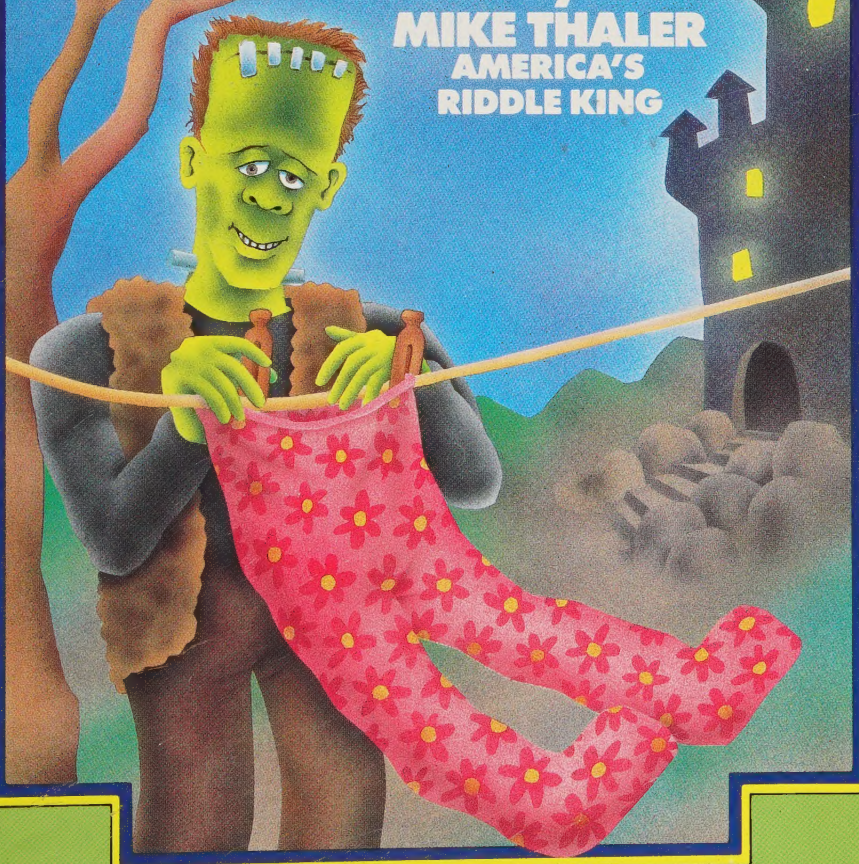

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PIRATE HUMOR

CIGARTOONS

WHAT CIGAR IS A GREAT BASKETBALL PLAYER?

KAREEM ABDUL-CIGAR

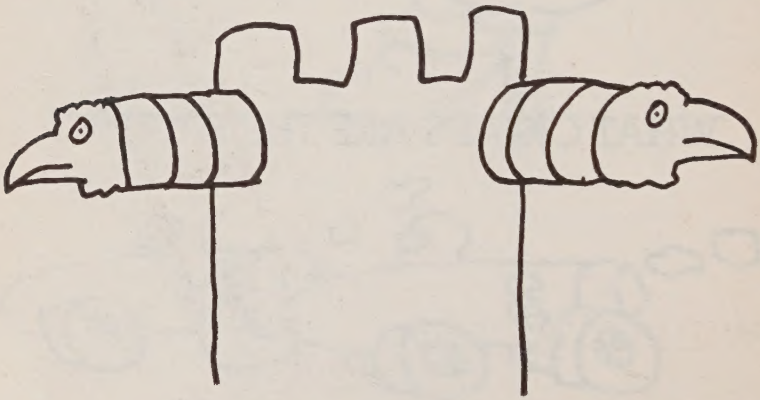
WHAT CIGARS ARE THE FASTEST?

RACE CIGARS

WHAT CIGAR LOOKS DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND PROTECTS YOU?

YOUR CIGARDIAN ANGEL

WHAT CIGARS ARE ON CATHEDRALS?

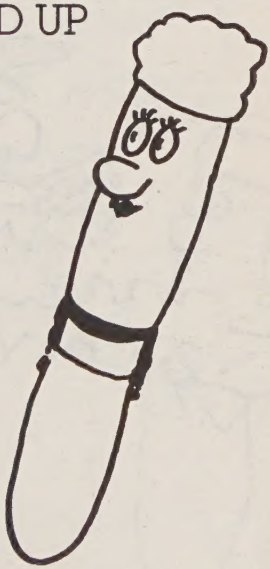


CIGARGOYLES

WHAT CIGAR WAS PRESIDENT?

JIMMY CIGARTER

HOW DO CIGARS HOLD UP THEIR STOCKINGS?

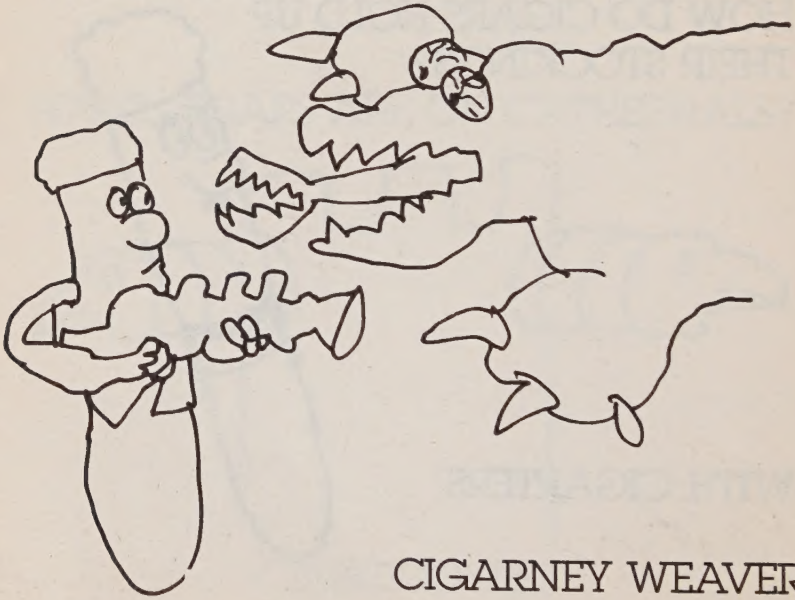


WITH CIGARTERS

WHAT CIGAR STARRED IN "THE WIZARD OF OZ"?

JUDY CIGARLAND

WHAT CIGAR STARRED IN "ALIENS"?

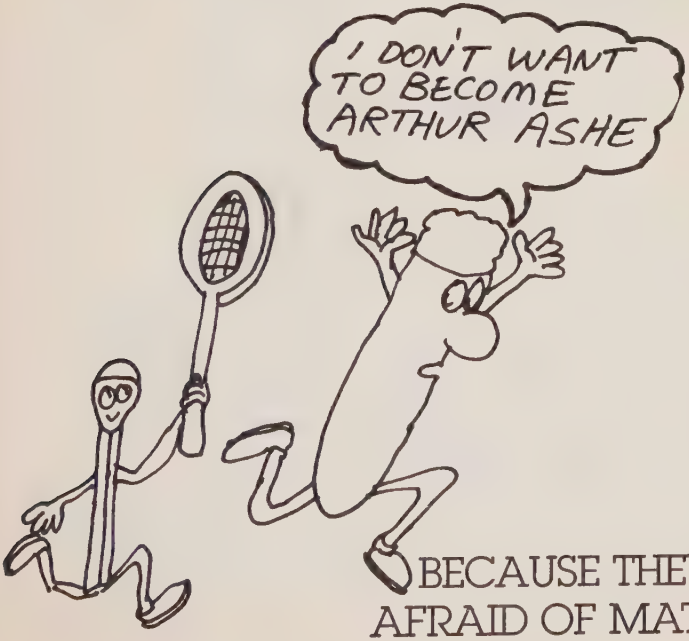


CIGARNEY WEAVER

WHAT KIND OF CIGARS TOOK THE PIONEERS WEST?

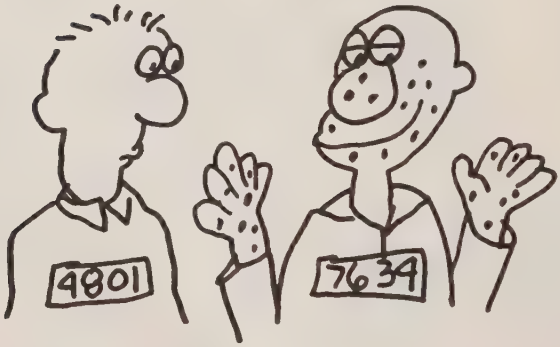
CONESTOGIES

WHY DON'T CIGARS PLAY TENNIS?



BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID OF MATCHES!

THAT NIGHT...



ARE YOU IN DISTRESS ?

I'M ON MY LAST LEGS

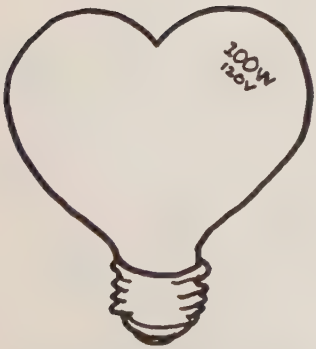
I CAN'T GET HER OFF MY MIND!

I DIDN'T CATCH YOUR NAME

HEARTS

A CHICKEN HEART

A HAPPY HEART



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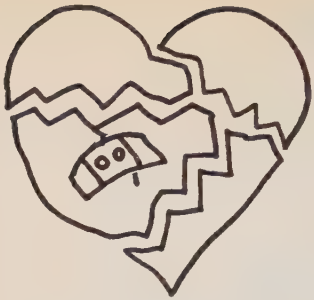
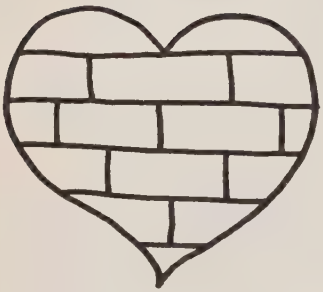


A BROKEN HEART

A STRONG HEART



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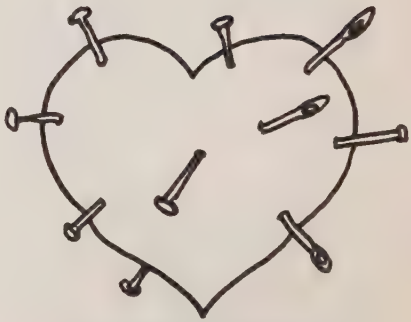
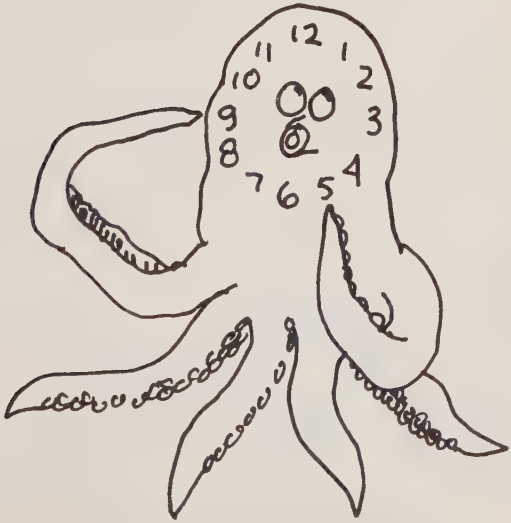


A SOFT HEART

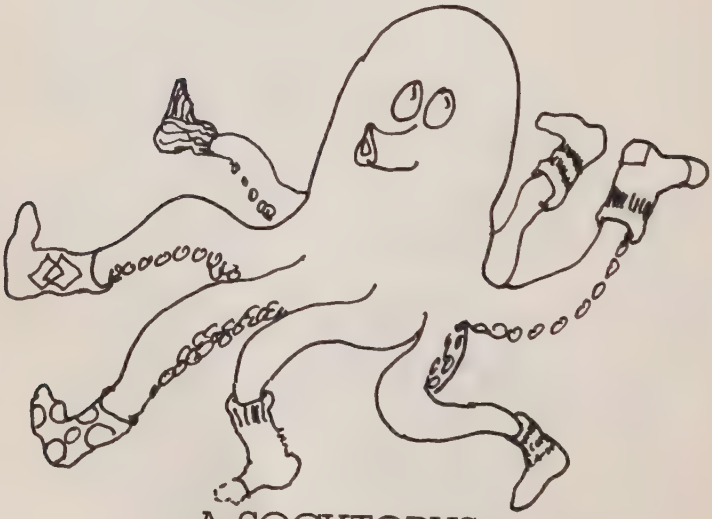
OCTOPUNS

A BACHTOPUS



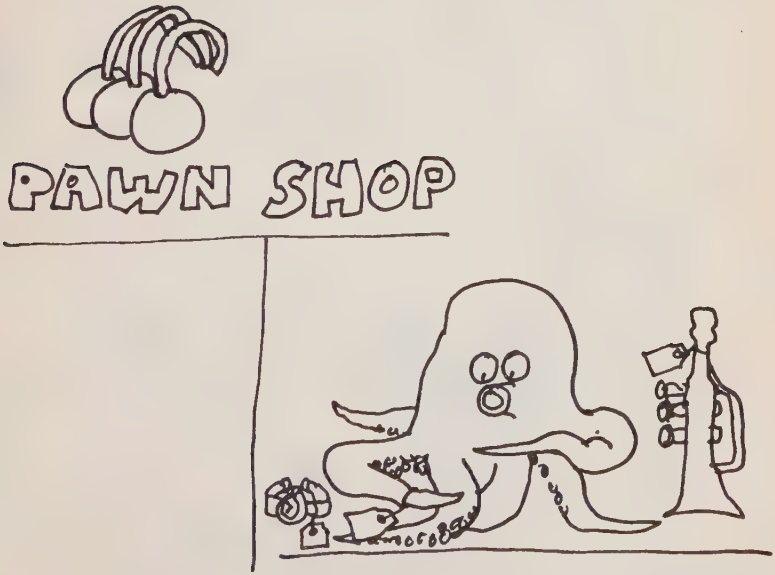
A CLOCKTOPUS

A JOCKTOPUS



A SOCKTOPUS

A SHERLOCKTOPUS



A HOCKEDTOPUS

WHAT IS IT?

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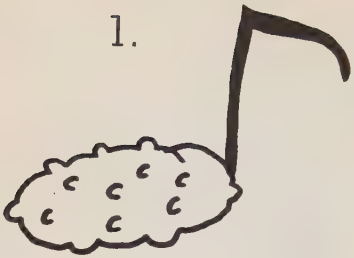

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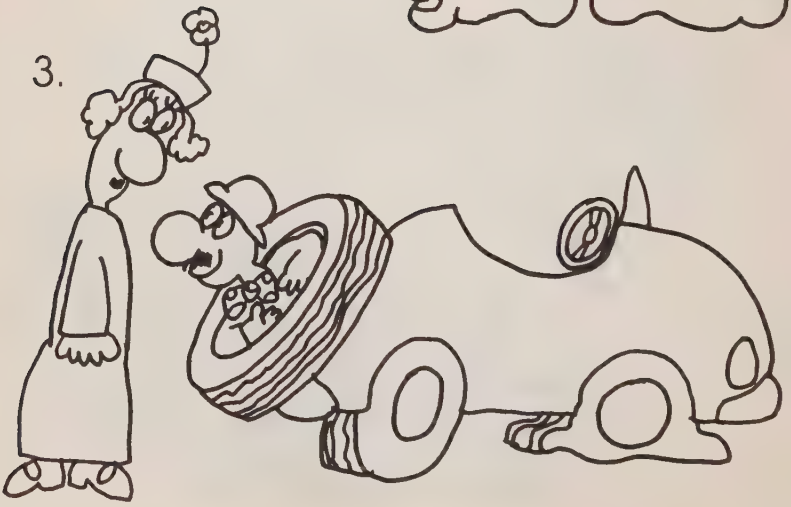

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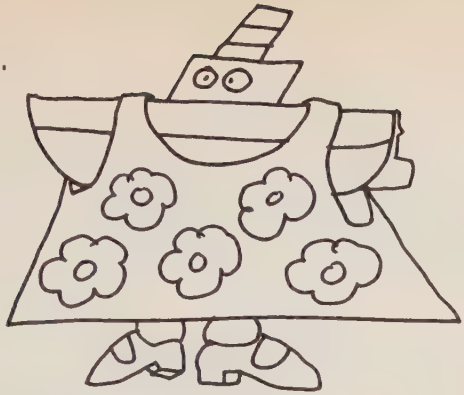

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ANSWERS

1. A SOUR NOTE
2. DEFEAT OF NAPOLEON
3. A MAN IN DESPAIR
4. A SHIP IN DISTRESS
5. A THOROUGHBRED RACE
6. A FOOT BALL
7. A MAN HOLDING UP A BANK

MAN HIT WITH GOLF CLUB IS TEED-OFF

MAN WHO FALLS IN BUZZ SAW IS BESIDE HIMSELF

MAN WHO FALLS IN
STRAWBERRY PRESERVES
IS IN A JAM

MAN WHO WEARS RADIAL
IS IN FANCY ATTIRE

MAN WHO SLEEPS
ON COMB IS LYING
THROUGH TEETH

MAN WHO DRINKS
DISHWASHING DETERGENT
IS FULL OF JOY!

FOOTBALL "WHAT-IS-ITS?"

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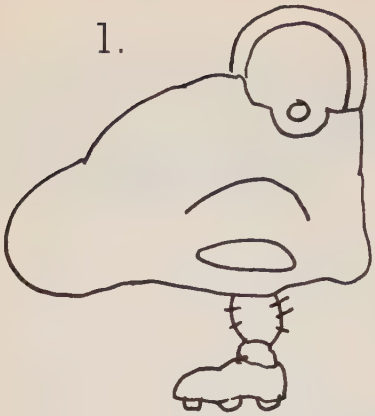

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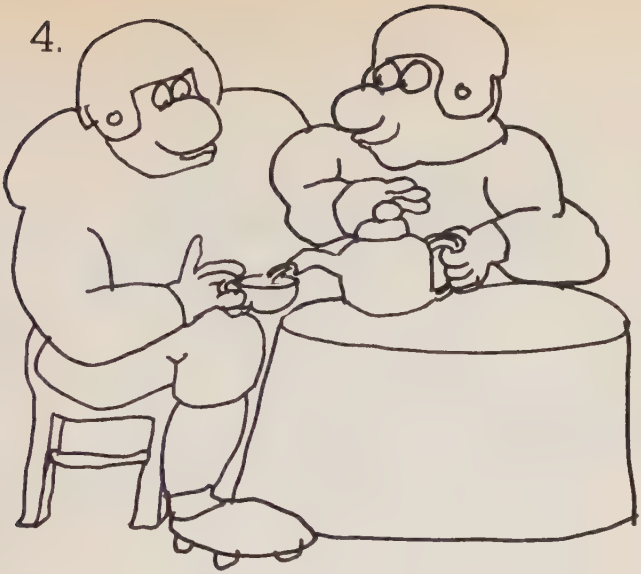

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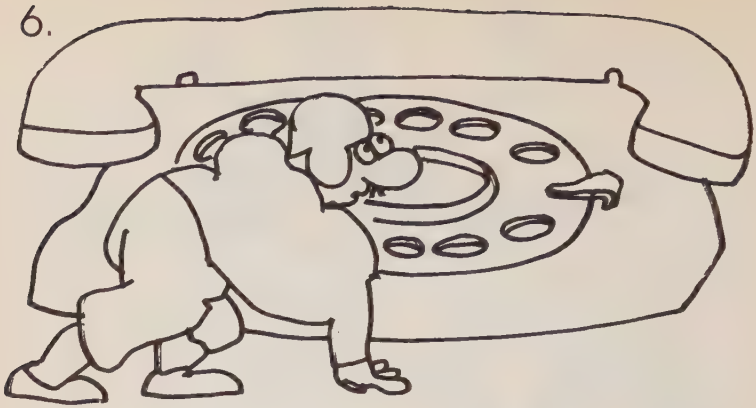


ANSWERS

1. A NOSE GUARD
2. SACKING THE QUARTERBACK
3. THROWING A BLOCK
4. T-FORMATION
5. THE COACH SENDING IN A PLAY
6. A WIDE RECEIVER

COSMIC RIDDLES

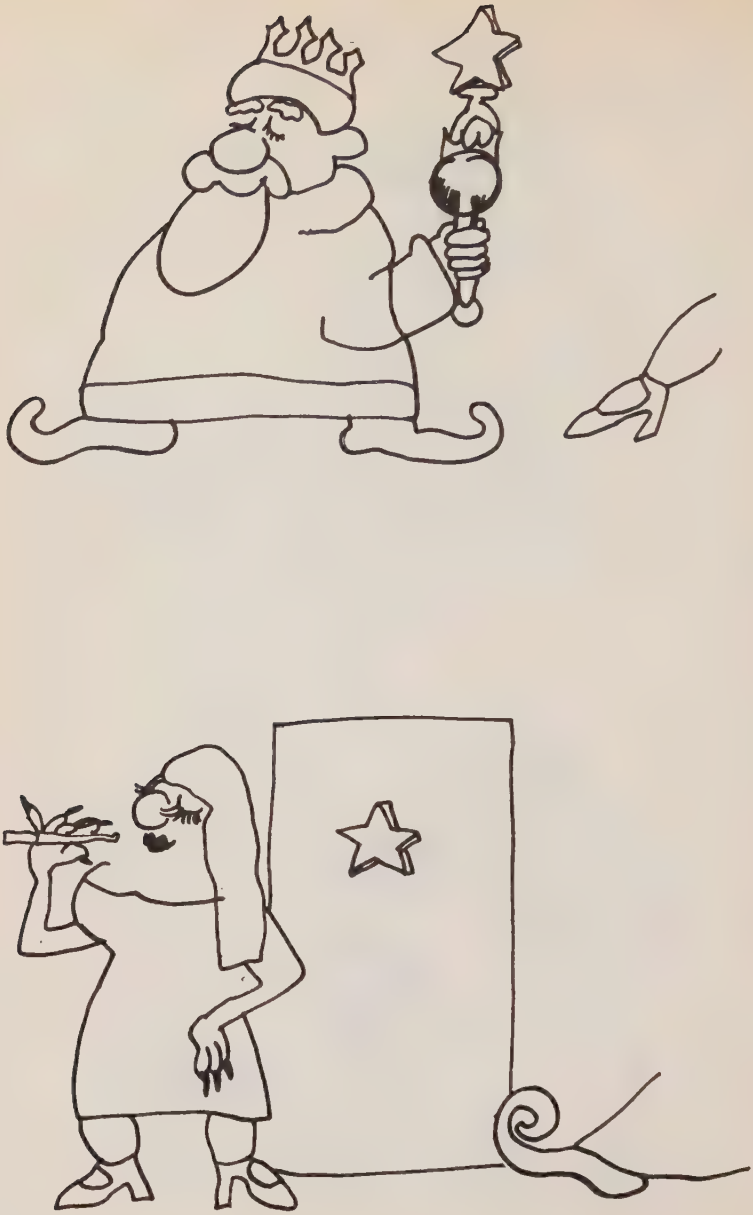
WHAT RACE IS EVERYONE IN?

THE HUMAN RACE

WHAT DO YOU CALL THE POETRY OF GOD?

UNI-VERSE

THE FALLEN STAR



THE END

CAN I GIVE YOU A LIFT ?

SHAKE
BEFORE
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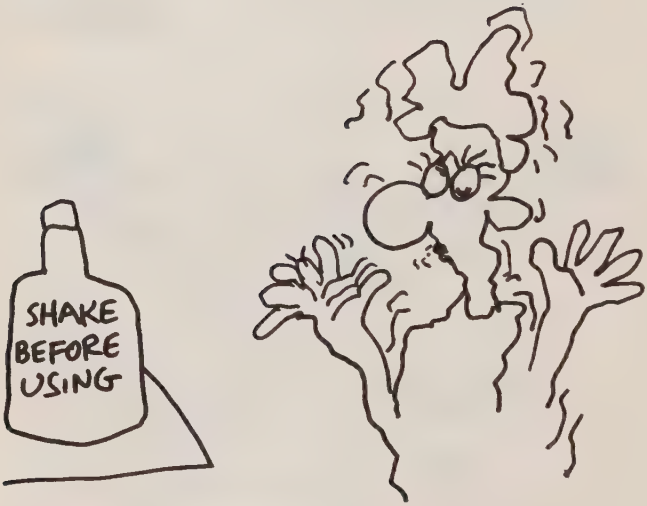
SHAKE
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I KNOW A NICE LITTLE SPOT IN THE COUNTRY

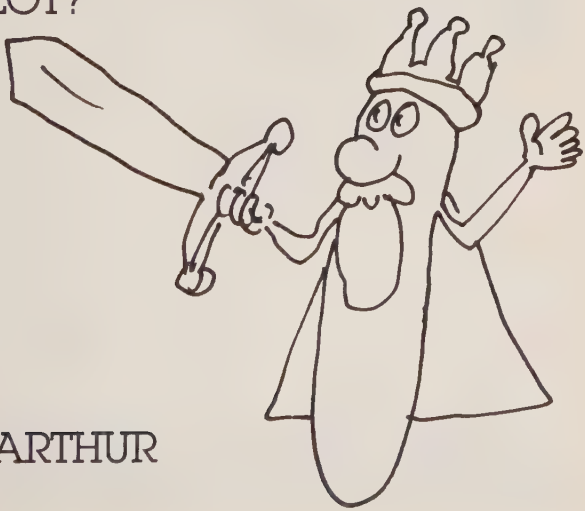
WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN A CUP OF TEA?

MORE CIGARTOONS

WHAT CIGAR WAS A FAMOUS MOVIE DETECTIVE?

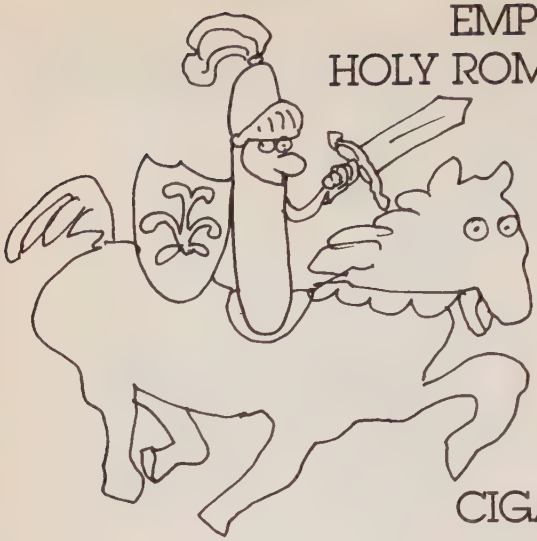
CIGARLY CHAN

WHAT CIGAR LIVED IN CAMELOT?



KING CIGARTHUR

WHAT CIGAR WAS EMPEROR OF THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE?



CIGARLEMAGNE

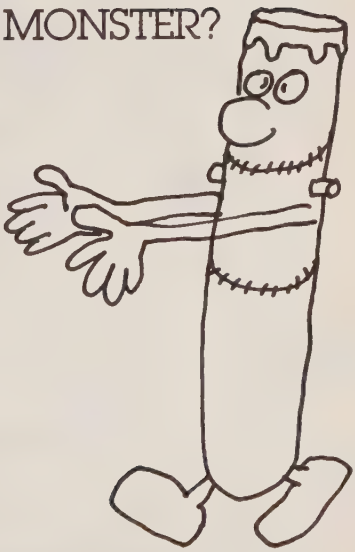
WHAT IS THE CIGARS' FAVORITE MOVIE?

"A STREET CIGAR NAMED DESIRE" STARRING CIGARLON BRANDO

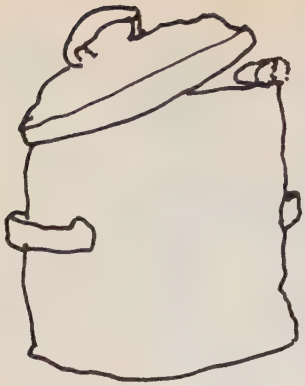
WHAT CIGAR THOUGHT
UP COMMUNISM?

CIGARL MARX

WHAT CIGAR PLAYED
A FAMOUS MOVIE MONSTER?



BORIS CIGARLOFF



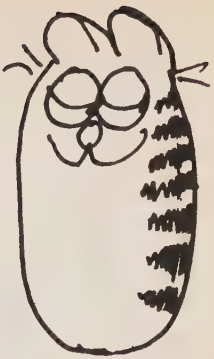
WHERE DO YOU PUT A BURNT-UP CIGAR?

IN A CIGARBAGE CAN

WHAT CIGAR IS A FAMOUS TV TALK SHOW HOST?

JOHNNY CIGARSON

WHAT CIGAR IS A
FAMOUS CARTOON CAT?



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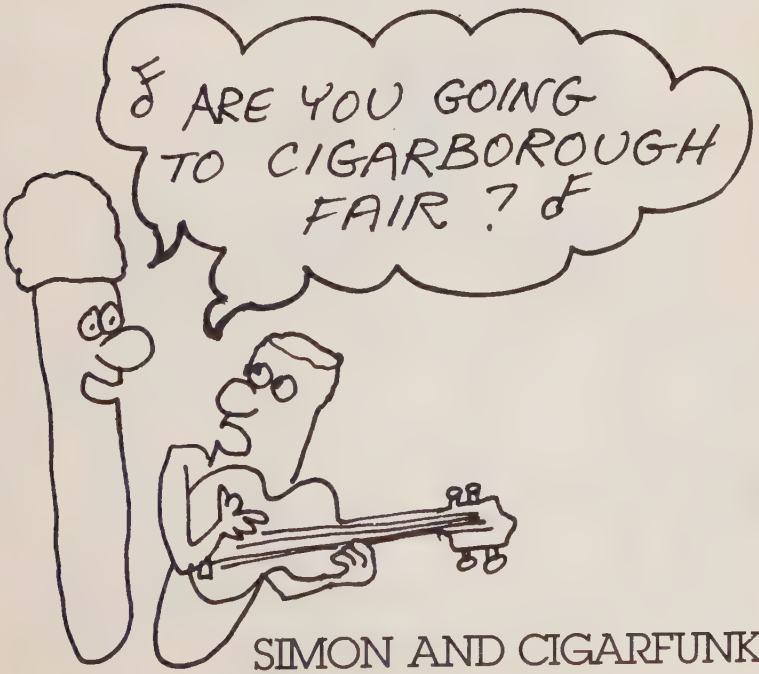
WHAT TWO CIGARS
WERE FAMOUS SONG WRITERS?



SIMON AND CIGARFUNKEL

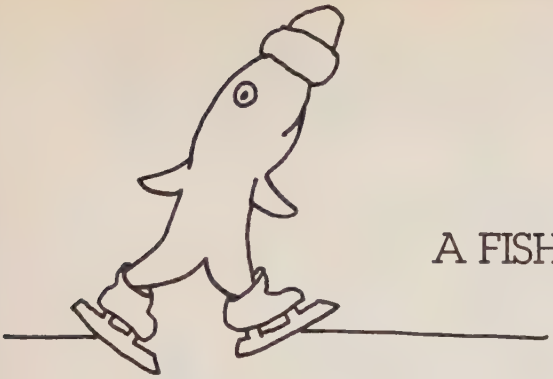
WHAT CIGAR WAS A GREAT SILENT MOVIE COMEDIAN?

CIGARLY CHAPLIN

WHAT CIGAR SAVED ALL THE ANIMALS DURING THE FLOOD?

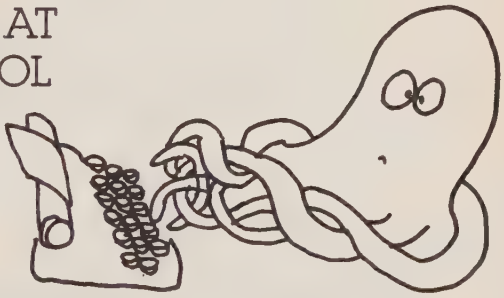
NOAH'S CIGARK

PICTURE POEMS



A FISH IN WINTER

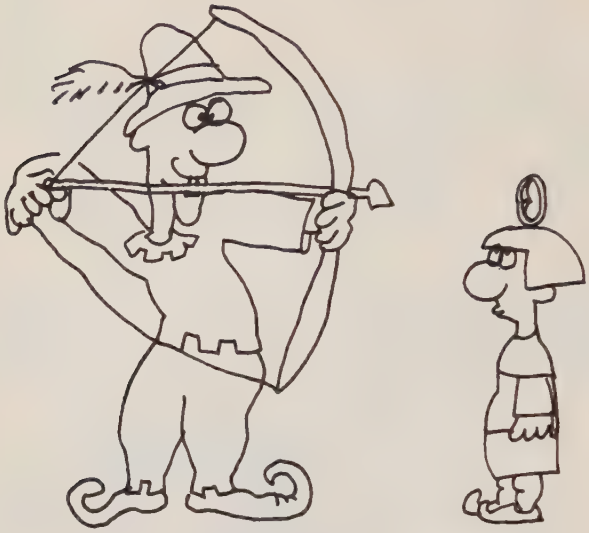
AN OCTOPUS AT
TYPING SCHOOL



A HAND
TAKING A WALK

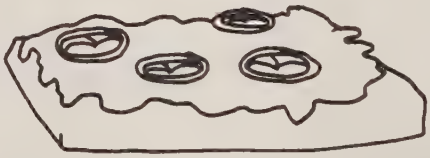
BELLY BUTTON RIDDLES

WHAT KIND OF BELLY BUTTONS
GET SHOT OFF PEOPLE'S HEADS?



WILLIAM TELLYBUTTONS

WHAT KIND OF BELLY BUTTONS
MAKE A GOOD SANDWICH?



PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY BUTTONS

WHAT KIND OF BELLY BUTTONS SING BEAUTIFULLY?

LIZA MINNELLIBUTTONS

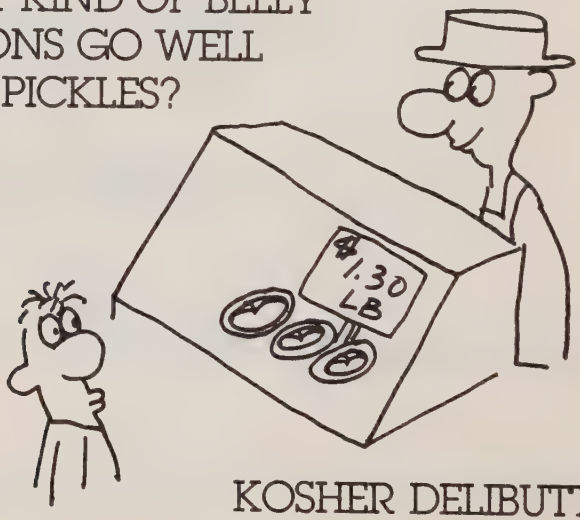
WHAT KIND OF BELLY BUTTONS DANCE?

GENE KELLYBUTTONS

WHAT KIND OF BELLY BUTTONS GO WELL WITH TOMATO SAUCE?

VERMICELLIBUTTONS

WHAT KIND OF BELLY BUTTONS GO WELL WITH PICKLES?



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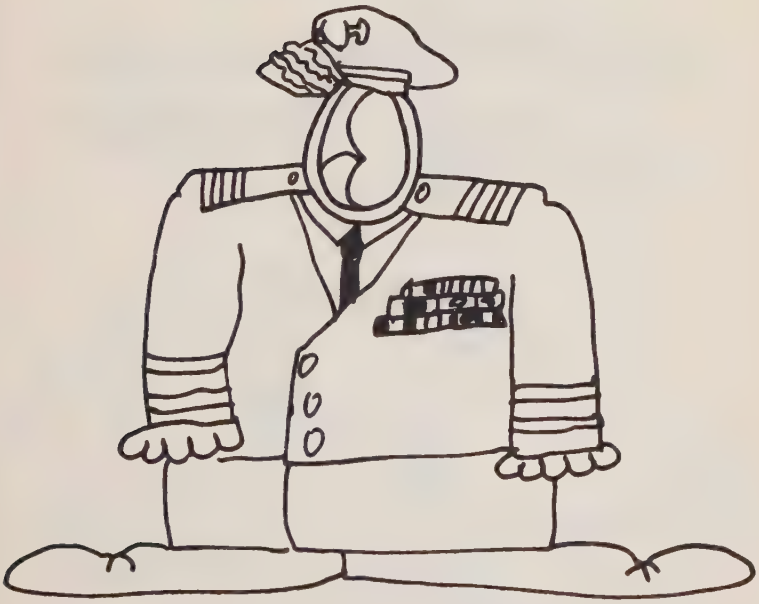
A NAVEL ENCOUNTER



A NAVEL OFFICER

A NAVEL
ORANGE

WHERE DO YOU GET AN OUTIE?

AUDI

AT YOUR OUTIE DEALER

RETIREMENT

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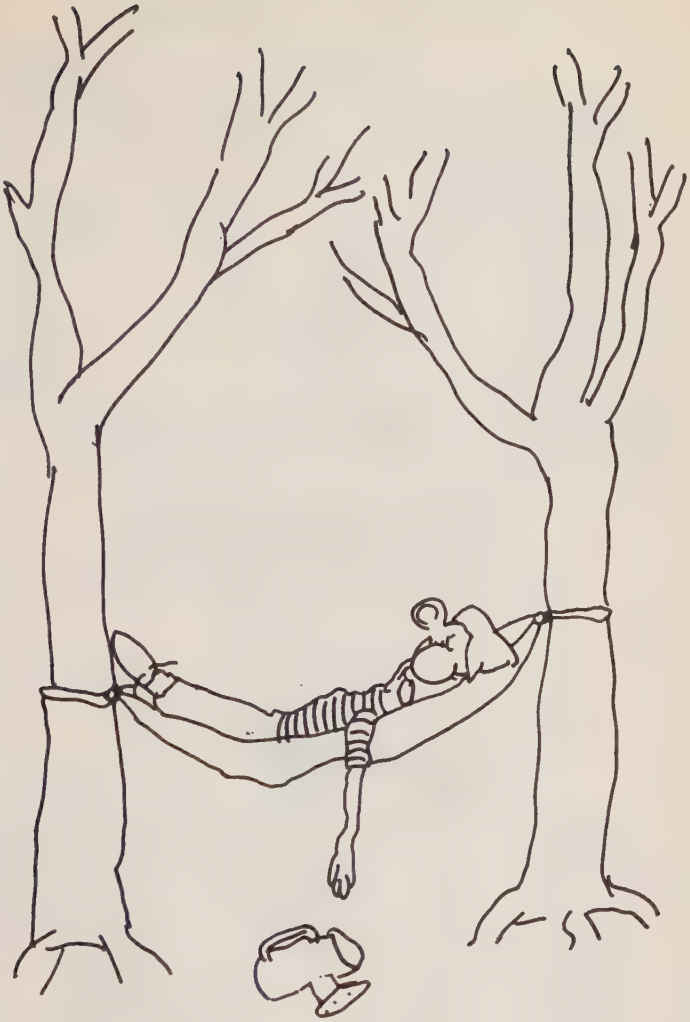
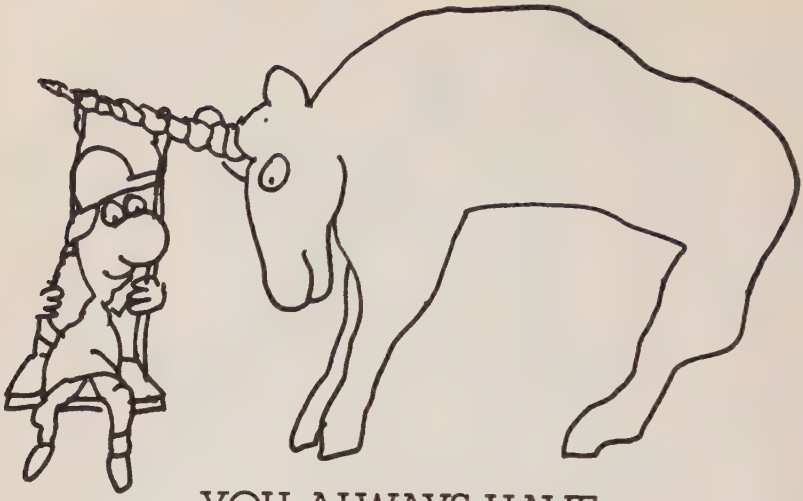
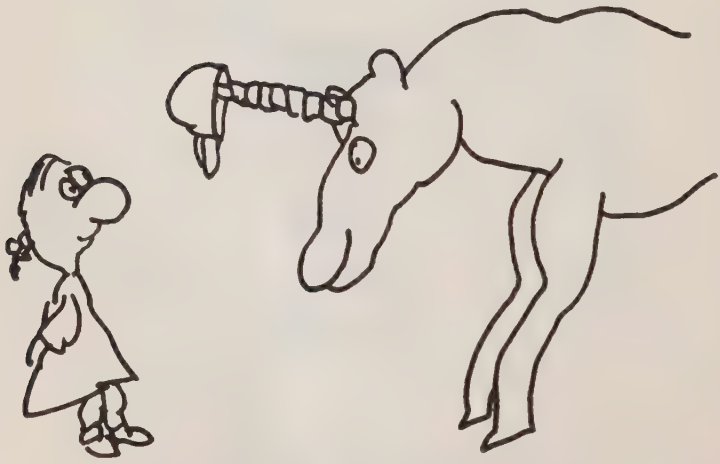


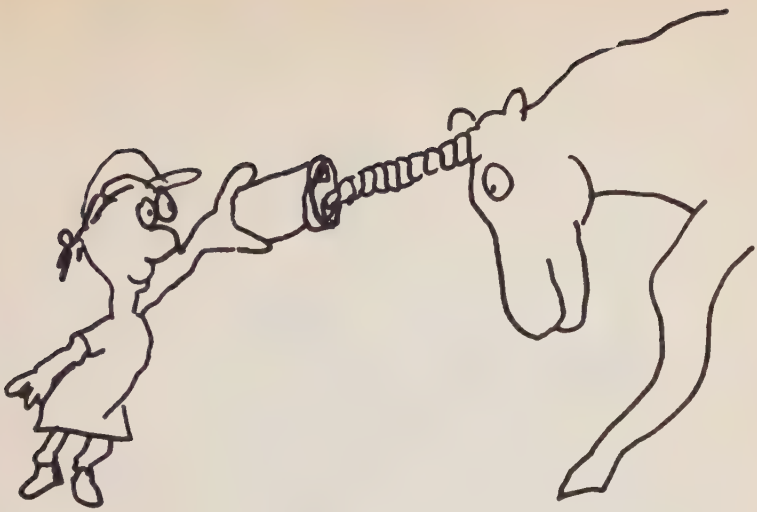
THE ADVANTAGES OF HAVING YOUR OWN UNICORN...



YOU ALWAYS HAVE
A PLACE TO SWING



TO HANG YOUR HAT



TO OPEN SODA CANS

TO FILE NOTES

AND TO RIDE AMONG THE STARS

BASEBALL "WHAT-IS-ITS?"

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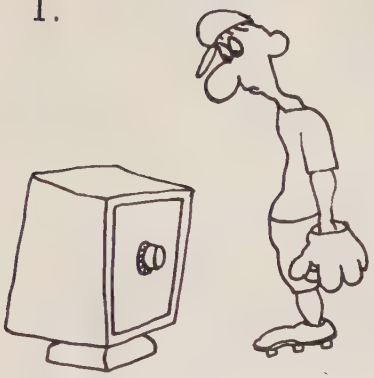

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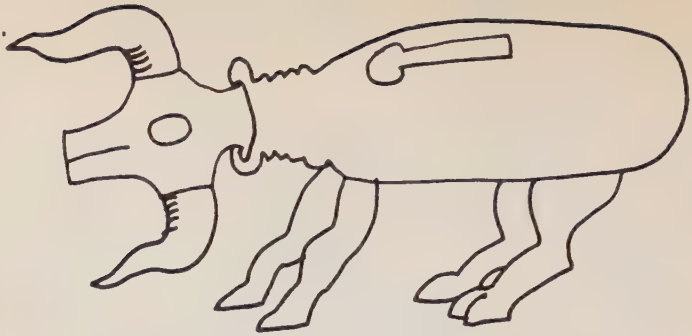

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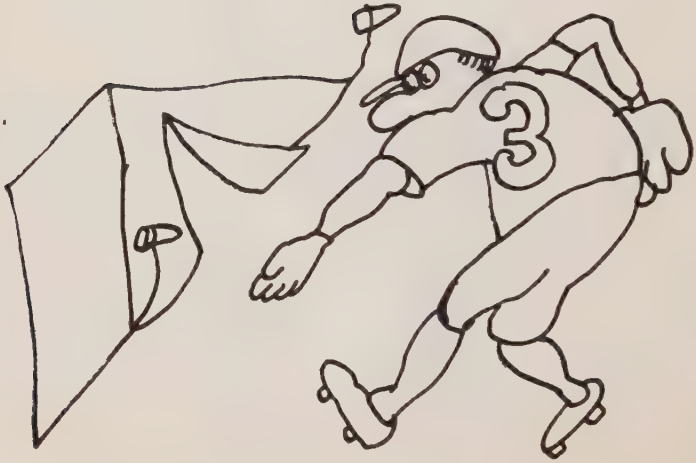

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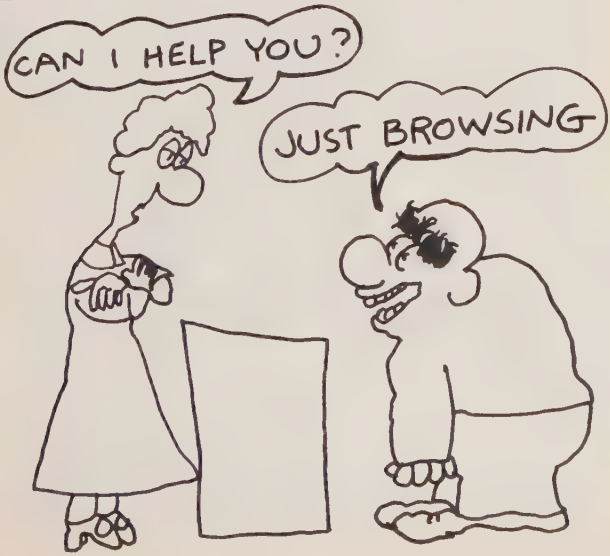
ANSWERS

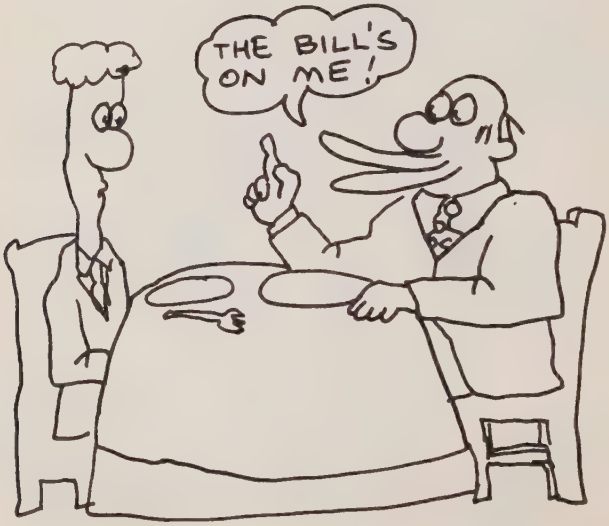
1. SAFE AT FIRST
2. STEALING SECOND
3. THE BULL PEN
4. A FOWL BALL
5. A MAN PITCHING A TENT
6. A MAN HITTING A HOMER

THE FIELD GOAL

EVEN MORE TICKLETOONS



HEY MAN, DON'T GET ALL BENT OUT OF SHAPE!

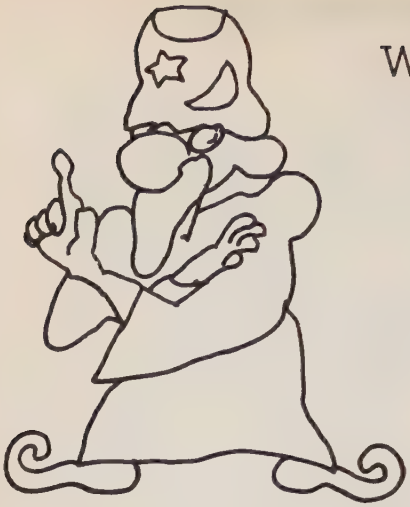

THE BILL'S ON ME!

THE LOSER OF THE ELVIS LOOK-ALIKE CONTEST

THE 3 WISE GUY MONKEYS

MAN WHO PUTS
FINGER IN SOCKET
IS CURRENT ATTRACTION

MAN WHO STEALS
MIDGET IS CAUGHT SHORT

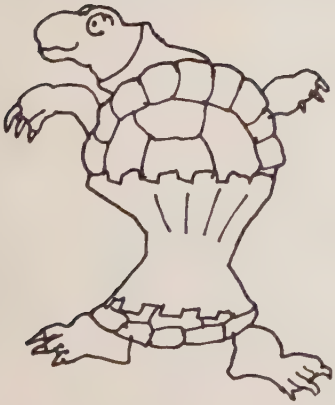


MAN WHO SITS IN
WASHING MACHINE
IS FULL OF CHEER

MAN WHO SWALLOWS
DIAMOND IS FULL OF HOPE

HINK PINK FLAMINGOS

POLAR BEAR
UNDERWEAR



TURTLE GIRDLE

HIP PUNK
CHIPMUNK

PIG WIG

OX SOCKS

GNU'S SHOES

GOPHER'S LOAFERS

BAT HAT

PET PEEVES

A MAN WALKING
HIS POTATO

A MAN WALKING
HIS FISH

A MAN WALKING HIS ALLIGATOR

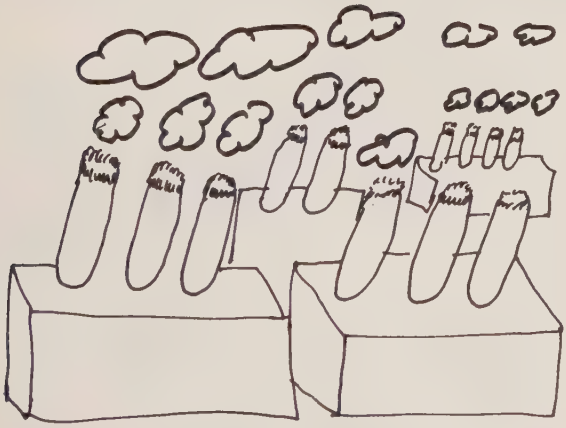
MORE PIRATE HUMOR

EVEN MORE CIGARTOONS

WHAT COUNTRY HAS THE MOST CIGARS?

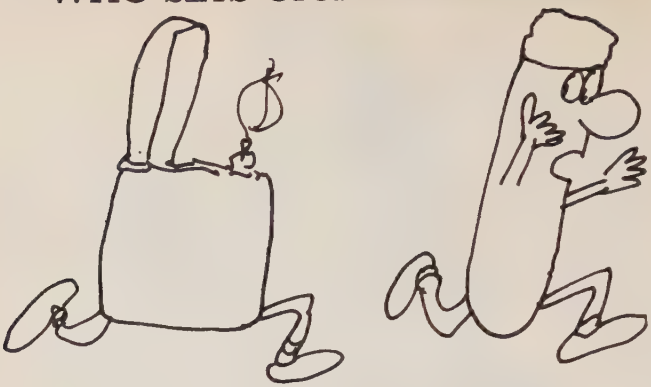
CIGARMENIA

WHAT STATE HAS THE MOST CIGARS?



NEW JERSEY
IT'S CIGARDEN STATE

WHAT DO YOU CALL SOMEONE WHO SETS CIGARS ON FIRE?

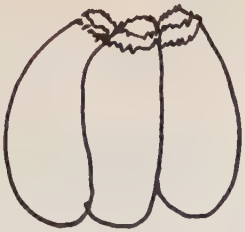


A CIGARSONIST

WHAT DISEASE DO CIGARS GET?

CIGARLET FEVER

WHAT KIND OF CIGARS SMELL THE WORST?

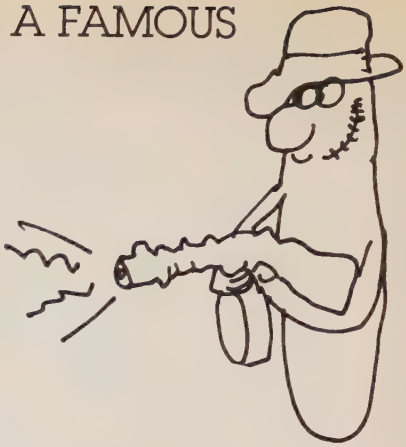


CIGARLIC

WHAT CIGAR IS A FAMOUS FOLK SINGER?

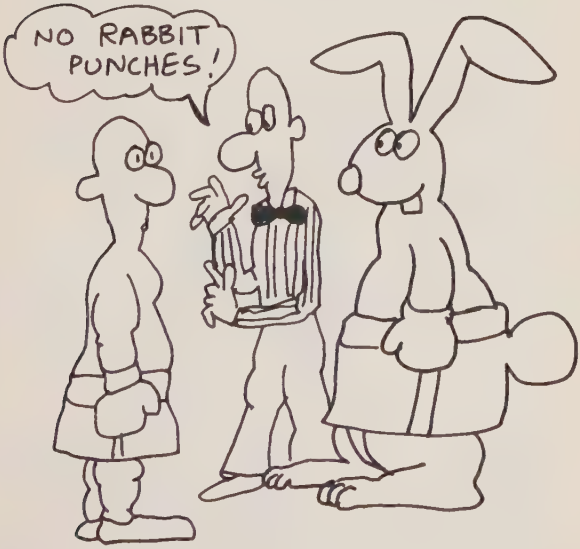
PETE CIGAR

WHAT CIGAR WAS A FAMOUS GANGSTER?



CIGAR FACE

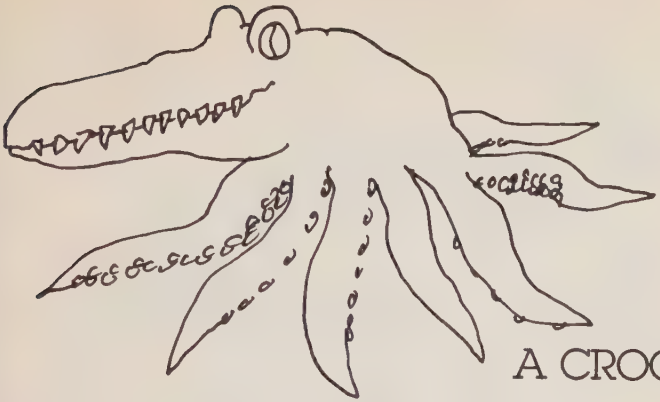
PUNCH LINES



NO CHOPS

YOU MAY NOW KISS
AND COME OUT FIGHTING!

MORE OCTOPUNS



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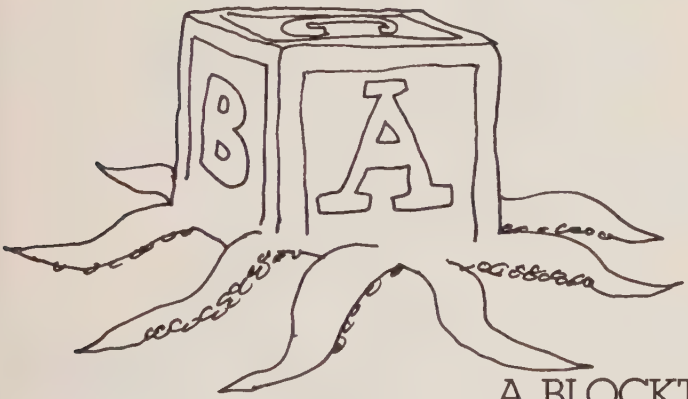

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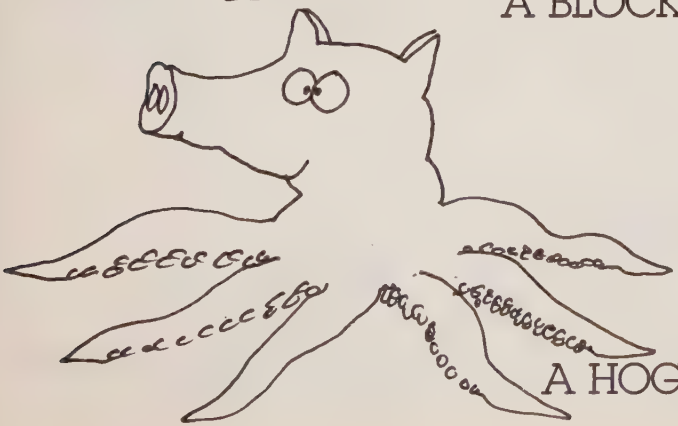

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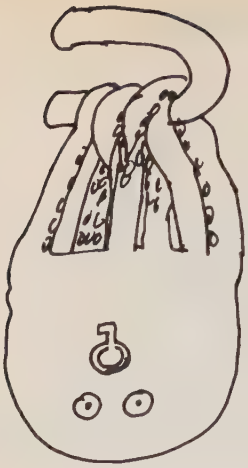

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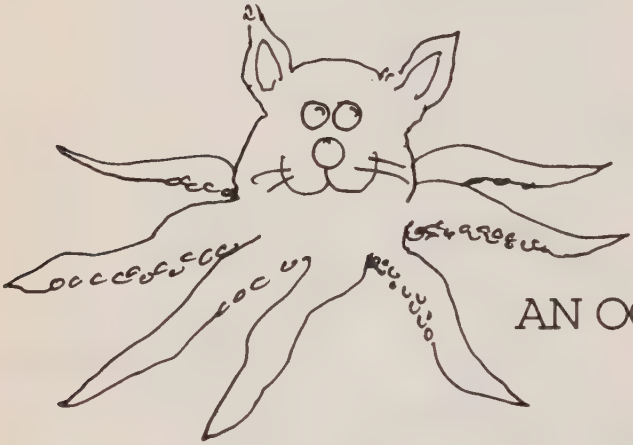
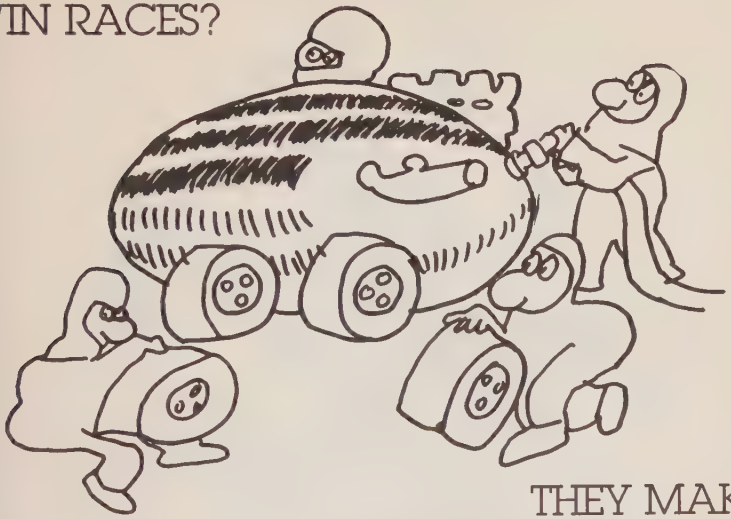


AN OCTOPUSS

AN OCTOPIE

JUST REGULAR RIDDLES

WHY CAN'T WATERMELONS WIN RACES?



THEY MAKE TOO MANY PIT STOPS

WHAT INSECT JOINS THE RUSSIAN SECRET POLICE?

A CAGEY BEE

WHAT IS GODZILLA'S FAVORITE BEAUTY AID?

LEE PRESS-ON CLAWS

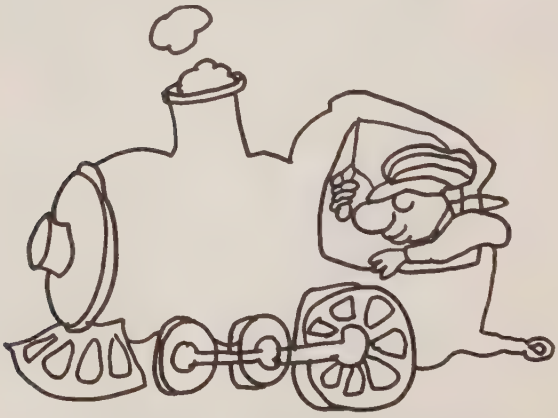
IF A KING SITS ON GOLD,
WHO SITS ON SILVER?

THE LONE RANGER

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE...

BETWEEN A TEACHER AND A TRAIN?

A TEACHER SAYS,
"SPIT OUT YOUR GUM!"



A TRAIN SAYS, "CHOO, CHOO, CHOO"

BETWEEN A HILL AND A PILL?

A HILL IS
HARD TO GET UP

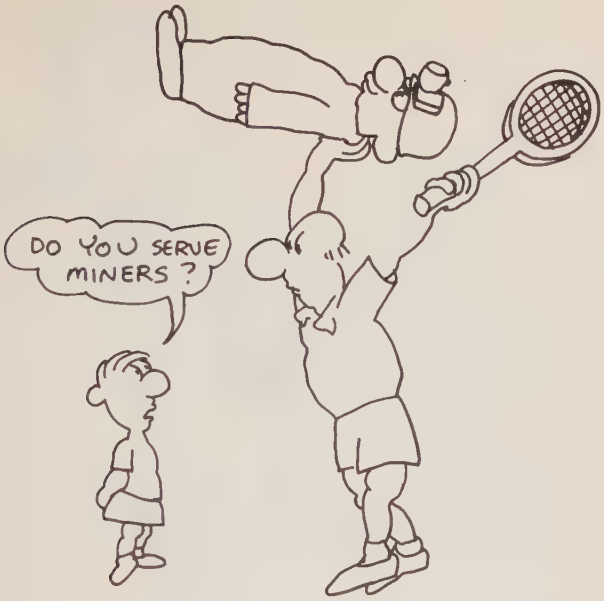
A PILL IS HARD
TO GET DOWN

BETWEEN A CLOWN AND
A CONDUCTOR?

ONE TRAINS SEALS

AND THE OTHER
SEALS TRAINS

AND EVEN MORE TICKLETOONS



SNAP
SHOTS
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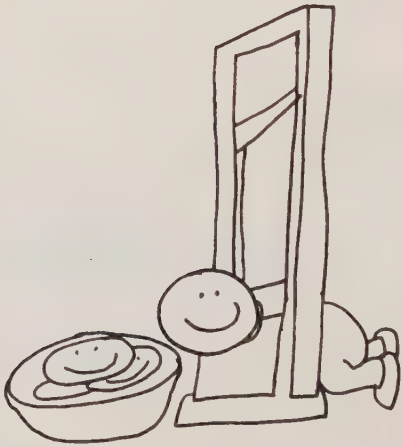
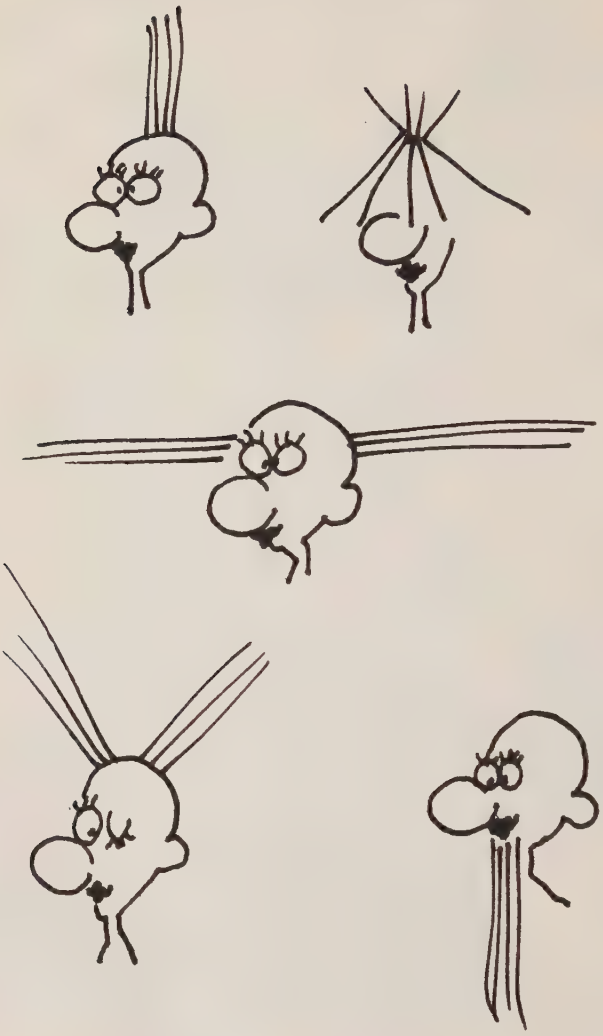


PROGRESS

PRIMITIVE MAN USED TO
WORSHIP INANIMATE OBJECTS

BUT TODAY...

HAIR STYLES OF THE RICH AND FAMOUS



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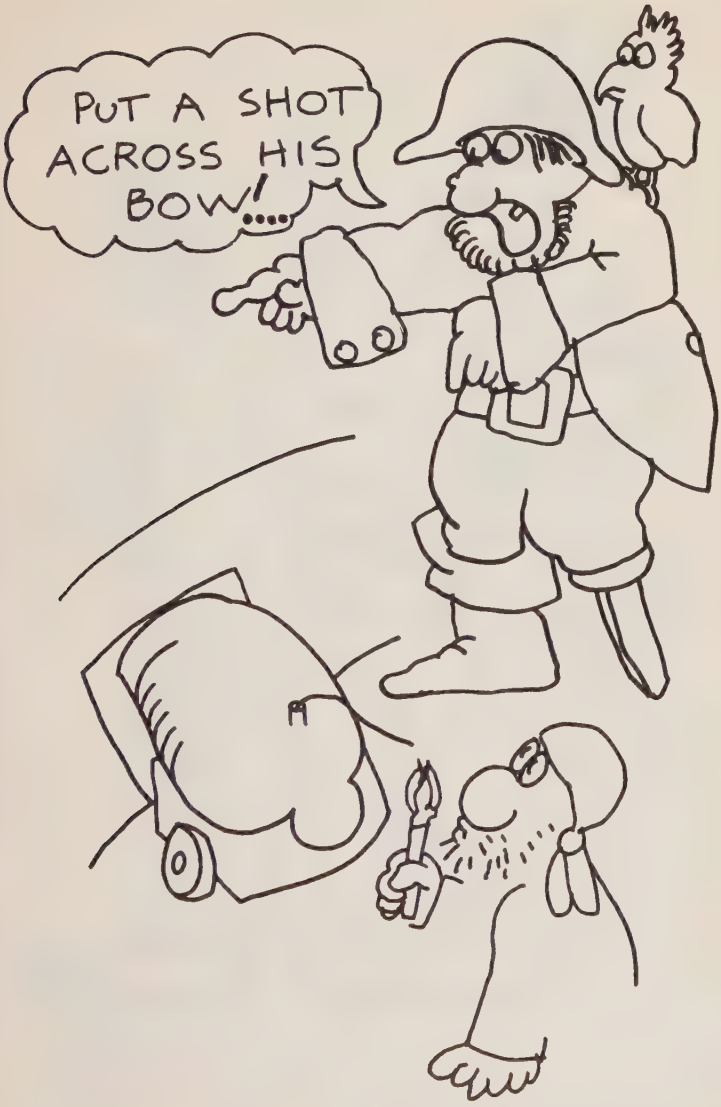

A MAN PLANTING A BOMB

1.

2.

3.

4.

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A COSMIC RIDDLE

WHAT IS THE MOST POWERFUL NATION IN THE WORLD?

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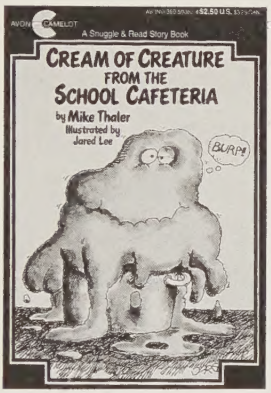

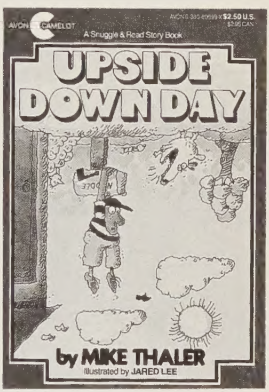

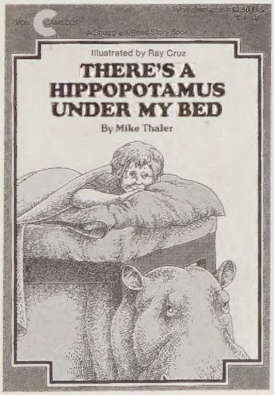

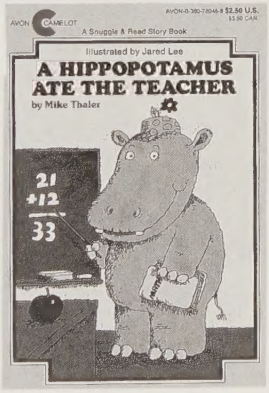

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